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"1 If the veteran served as sergeant major of the Army, senior enlisted advisor of the Navy, chief master sergeant of the Air Force, sergeant major of the Marine Corps, or master chief petty officer of the Coast Guard, at the applicable time designated by section 1302 of this title, the surviving spouse's rate shall be \$1,082.

"2 If the veteran served as Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Chief of Staff of the Army, Chief of Naval Operations, Chief of Staff of the Air Force, Commandant of the Marine Corps, or Commandant of the Coast Guard, at the applicable time designated by section 1302 of this title, the surviving spouse's rate shall be \$2,013."

(c) **ADDITIONAL DIC FOR CHILDREN.**—Section 1311(b) is amended by striking "\$215" and inserting "\$222".

(d) **AID AND ATTENDANCE ALLOWANCE.**—Section 1311(c) is amended by striking "\$215" and inserting "\$222".

(e) **HOUSEBOUND RATE.**—Section 1311(d) is amended by striking "\$104" and inserting "\$107".

SEC. 6. DEPENDENCY AND INDEMNITY COMPENSATION FOR CHILDREN.

(a) **DIC FOR ORPHAN CHILDREN.**—Section 1313(a) is amended—

(1) by striking "\$361" in paragraph (1) and inserting "\$373";

(2) by striking "\$520" in paragraph (2) and inserting "\$538";

(3) by striking "\$675" in paragraph (3) and inserting "\$699"; and

(4) by striking "\$675" and "\$132" in paragraph (4) and inserting "\$699" and "\$136", respectively.

(b) **SUPPLEMENTAL DIC FOR DISABLED ADULT CHILDREN.**—Section 1314 is amended—

(1) by striking "\$215" in subsection (a) and inserting "\$222";

(2) by striking "\$361" in subsection (b) and inserting "\$373"; and

(3) by striking "\$182" in subsection (c) and inserting "\$188".

SEC. 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.

The amendments made by this Act shall take effect on December 1, 1999.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. STUMP) and the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. EVANS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. STUMP).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. STUMP. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on this measure.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Arizona?

There was no objection.

Mr. STUMP. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, this is a clean bill providing a cost-of-living adjustment to disabled veterans and surviving spouses. The other provisions in the House-passed bill are part of an ongoing conference between the House and the Senate and we hope to have a report on that by tomorrow.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. EVANS. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I salute the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. STUMP), the chair-

man of the committee, for his efforts to ensure a timely and accurate cost-of-living adjustment of 2.4 percent which will be provided to our Nation's service-connected disabled veterans and their dependents and survivors who are in receipt of compensation and DIC benefits. This increase in benefits will be reflected in payments beginning January, 2000. Mr. Speaker, this measure deserves the support of every Member of the House. I urge my colleagues to support the bill.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. STUMP. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I want to thank the ranking member of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs for all his work on this provision as well as the gentleman from New York (Mr. QUINN), the chairman of the subcommittee, and the gentleman from California (Mr. FILNER), the ranking member, and urge all Members to support this COLA, cost-of-living increase, for our veterans.

Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. FOLEY).

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Arizona for his hard work on this issue and obviously for recognition of all veterans. We are getting ready certainly to celebrate Veterans Day this year. I think it is incumbent upon us when we are considering the needs of the United States of America, we prioritize those that have fought valiantly for the freedoms that we all enjoy.

It is one of the unique things, having come to Congress and being able to speak on the floor and advocate for constituents from the 16th District, to realize many of those fundamental opportunities have been given to us because of the fight the veterans made in previous conflicts. I think it is incumbent especially as well to recognize that years and years ago I remember the veterans were told that they would have to wait for their cost-of-living, we have to make budgetary matters first and we have got to balance the books and do all these other things.

I think the gentleman from Arizona prioritizes the fact that veterans should not be treated any differently than any other citizen, that if there are cost-of-living benefits going to employees of the Federal Government, to Social Security recipients, that they should also be included for those disabled, those veterans and other groups.

I want to strongly urge obviously my colleagues' consideration of this measure but also once again to underscore the fact that very few of us would be able to speak freely in this Chamber had it not been for the valiant effort of men and women who have sacrificed, men and women who have gone to theaters around the globe to protect freedom here and abroad.

Mr. STUMP. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for his remarks.

Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. STUMP) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, House Resolution 368.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

REAUTHORIZING THE PRINTING OF CERTAIN PUBLICATIONS

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 221) authorizing printing of the brochures entitled "How Our Laws Are Made" and "Our American Government", the pocket version of the United States Constitution, and the document-sized, annotated version of the United States Constitution.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. CON. RES. 221

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring),

SECTION 1. PRINTING OF DOCUMENTS.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Each of the documents referred to in section 2 shall be printed as a House document, in a style and manner determined by the Joint Committee on Printing.

(b) **ADDITIONAL COPIES FOR HOUSE AND SENATE.**—There shall be printed for the use of the House of Representatives and the Senate an aggregate number of copies of the documents printed under subsection (a) not to exceed the lesser of—

(1) 2,200,000; or

(2) the maximum number of copies for which the aggregate printing cost does not exceed an amount established by the Joint Committee on Printing.

SEC. 2. DOCUMENTS DESCRIBED.

The documents referred to in this section are as follows:

(1) The 1999 revised edition of the brochure entitled "How Our Laws Are Made".

(2) The 1999 revised edition of the brochure entitled "Our American Government".

(3) The 20th edition of the pocket version of the United States Constitution.

(4) The 1999 edition of the document-sized, annotated version of the United States Constitution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MICA) and the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MICA).

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, today I come before the House to present this House Concurrent Resolution 221, which authorizes the printing of brochures entitled

"How Our Laws Are Made" and "Our American Government," the pocket version of the United States Constitution, and the document-sized annotated version of the United States Constitution.

Very often when I come to the floor, I always like to cite what I consider the most important document that rules the governance of our country and really sets forth the pattern of organization for the Congress. Our Constitution details those responsibilities under that great document, and it is important that our Committee on House Administration as one of its responsibilities in administering the House of Representatives makes certain that these publications be made available.

Each time we have young people visit the United States Capitol, I try to make pocket editions available to them so that they have a better understanding of how our government operates, what their responsibilities are under that great document as a citizen, and also how our government works. Most young people today do not have an awareness of the Constitution and basically how our government functions. That is unfortunate. Sometimes it is the failure of education. Not only do our schools and parents and communities have a responsibility but we as a Congress have that responsibility. And also it is important that the Committee on House Administration, charged with running the House of Representatives, insures that these important documents are published.

The last time two of these documents were printed was during the 102nd Congress. The other two were printed during the 105th Congress. The pamphlet-sized publication of the Constitution has a revision to the foreword by the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. HYDE), our distinguished chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary. The Parliamentarian has also provided revisions to "How Our Laws Are Made," and the Congressional Research Service has provided revision to the document "Our American Government."

I would also notify Members of the House, Mr. Speaker, that each Member and Senator will receive 1,000 copies of each of these publications and an opportunity to acquire additional copies. They will be made available at an additional cost to the Members, and can be distributed to their constituents.

These are important documents. It is an important responsibility of the House of Representatives to make certain again that our young people and our citizens have the basic tools and documents of government available to them, somewhat of a mundane responsibility but an important one that we are taking that up. I am pleased to take up this responsibility today on behalf of the gentleman from California (Mr. THOMAS), who chairs the Committee on House Administration.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

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Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this resolution which, as the gentleman from Florida has so aptly pointed out, provides for authority to reprint four documents of particular interest. Those of us who have been around the Congress for most of our adult lives, either as students working here, as interns, or as Members and anything in between, know that although this seems like a mundane responsibility, authorizing the reprinting of four documents and the provision of copies to Members and to the public is a profound action.

It is profound because these documents are so profound. These documents have had a tremendous impact on not only the citizens of the United States, but, I would suggest, a great impact on all the world. I remember, as I am sure the gentleman from Florida remembers, when Vaclav Havel, the President of the Czech Republic, stood at the rostrum in front of the Speaker, and spoke about the emergence of Czechoslovakia from behind the Iron Curtain into freedom, both politically and economically, and democratically. He observed that two of the documents, the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution, impelled the movement in Czechoslovakia from behind the Iron Curtain. Havel spoke dramatically about human rights, political rights, civil rights, and economic rights.

It is critically important that every American student, every American adult be familiar with the source documents of our Nation which articulate our principles and outline how we accomplish democracy, how we debate and resolve differences of opinion, how we, as minority leader often observes, substitute debate on this floor for bullets on a battlefield.

Debate is, in fact, the substitute for violence; it is the way we in America have, since the Civil War resolved our differences without bloodshed. It is a lesson for all the world, but particularly a lesson for our own people. The reprinting of these documents will provide a ready supply for Members to distribute and for the public to access.

So I join the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MICA) in supporting this very important resolution. I support him in his observations with reference to having available not only the pocket Constitution, but the annotated Constitution as well for the public and for Members so that we better understand the genius of our Founding Fathers and the contribution that American democracy makes to all the world.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of the time.

I am pleased to join with the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER), who is the ranking member on the Committee on House Administration to support this resolution, a simple task for the Congress this afternoon to print copies of the Constitution and some other documents and to be made available to the public and Members.

In closing, I heard the gentleman from Maryland comment about Vaclav Havel and his presentation before the Congress. I was a Member of Congress at the time, but I sat as a guest in the House gallery; and I will never forget that infamous commentary by Mr. Havel who said just days ago he had been incarcerated in a prison and now he was addressing Congress. That event was particularly meaningful to me because my grandfather came from Slovakia which was part of the Czechoslovak Republic in 1989 when thousands and thousands of people took to the street in the beginning of the Velvet Revolution, and as we pass this small housekeeping resolution here to make these copies of our precious democratic documents available, we remember and commemorate today the fall of the Berlin Wall and basically the fall of Communism.

It is through the documents that we are authorizing the publication of today that we have extended to the world our framework of government. These documents have been the cornerstone for providing a guide post for these people who have brought their nations out of the ages and decades and decades of darkness.

Last night I had the opportunity to attend a dinner with the Czech and Slovak prime ministers and their ambassadors here as they celebrated. They had met with the President and other officials celebrating the 10th anniversary of their having gained freedom. Again, those documents that we provided offered encouragement. Programs that the United States promotes such as this help extend democracy, promotes freedom and opportunities, and provide the framework of government outlined by the Constitution to others. Today we see those results and it does give us a great sense of satisfaction.

It gives me, in closing, a great sense of satisfaction to work in a bipartisan manner with the gentleman from Maryland and our chairman, the gentleman from California (Mr. THOMAS), in asking the House of Representatives to pass this concurrent resolution of the House, House Concurrent Resolution 221 at this time.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HOBSON). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MICA) that the House suspend the